





THE
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USAGES, AND
CUSTOMES

OF

THE CITY OF LONDON; CON-
firmed by especial Acts of *Parliament*, with
the time of their Confirmation.

A L S O,

Divers ample, and most beneficiall Charters, gran-
ted by King *Henry* the 6. King *Edward* the 4. and King
Henrie the 7th. not confirmed by *Parliament* as the other
Charters were, And where to find every particu-
lar Grant and Confirmation at large.

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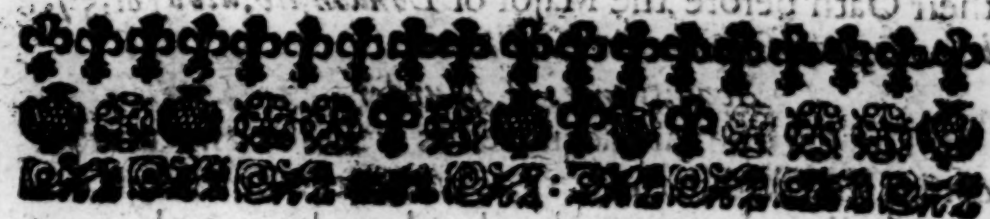
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after following, are confirmed by an especiall Act
of Parliament at Westminster, Anno Septimo
Regni Regis, R. 2. albo libro, 43. a.*

Abrokers.



That the Abrokers of any Mer-
chandize in this City, shall
not be, except the same be
chosen by Marchants of the
mystery in which the same
Ab-brokers, shal have there
exercise of their office, and
the same *Abrokers* also to
be sworn before the Lord
Major of the City of Lon-
don, libro albo, 38. a. 12. H. 3.

Abrokecators, or Brokers.

Abrokecators or Brokers. Brokers are to be chosen by
Merchants of their own mysteries, and they shall take
their

their Oath before the Major of London, *lib. alb. fol. 57. b. 3. E. 3. per Charter & Parliament.*

Acquittances of Murder.

The Citizens are acquitted as well for any murder committed within the City, as within the Portoken. viz. they shall not be amerced as they have bin in old time if the murderer did escape, *fol. 35. lib. 11. H. 3.* so that the statutes of English here, *Anno 14. E. 3. Cap 4.*

Acquittances.

That the Citizens of London shall be for ever acquitted of pavage, portage, and murrage, through all the Kings Dominions, *lib. alb. fol. 36. b. c. Anno 12. H. 3.*

Aldermen and their election.

Upon the Feast day of S. Gregorie, yearly shall every Alderman be removed from their place, and new in their place shall be chosen, *lib. alb. fol. 42. a. b. 50. E. 3.* note that this is changed since by Act of Parliament.

Aldermens goods.

That Aldermens goods shall be taxed in Aids, tallages, or other contributions amongst other mens goods, *lib. alb. f. 36. b.*

Allowance of Liberties.

It shall suffice that one Writ in one Kings time shall serve in the Kings Exchequer, and in all other places for the allowance of the Liberties, *lib. alb. f. 4. b. 1. E. 1.* Learn for what cause at every change the City is put to so great charges, as to procure a new Confirmation. I think it be only for the profit of Chancery men.

Amerciaments.

The Sheriffe shall not be amerced for any offence above 20. l. *lib. alb. f. 34. Anno 11. H. 3.*

That the Sheriffes of London shall not be charged or amerced for escape of any Fellon, but as other Sheriffes have used on this side Trent, *lib. alb. f. 39. b. 1. E. 1.*

None shall be otherwise amerced, but according to Law used in the time of H. 1. *lib. alb. f. 35. 11. H. 3.*

Aids

Aids and Contributions.

That the Citizens of London in all Aids, Grants, and Contributions to the Kings use, shall be taxed and contribute with the Commonalty of England, as men of the Counties, and not as men of Cities and Burrowes, and that they shall be free from all other tallages, and thereof cleerly acquitted, *lib.al.f.40.1.E.1.*

Bakers and Millers.

There is a Statute in French granted by the King for the punishment of Bakers and millers, and tryed by weight, whether the millers do deceive the Owners of the corn, and that *ob.* to be yeelded for every quarter of corn that is ground, *lib.al.f.42,b,c,1.E.1.*

Battaile.

A Citizen shall not be enforced to wage Battaile, nor shall in the pleas of Crown be tryed by any other Order, but only according to the ancient Custome of the City *lib.al fol.35, Anno 11, H.3.*

Bean-pleader.

None shall be amerced for mispleading, the which the Book calleth miskenning, *li.al.f.35,11,H.3.*

Bridgemasters.

The Bridg masters shall be chosen by the Commons, ther must be but two, and they must be approved sufficient men of the City, being no Aldermen, *lib.al.fol.38.12, Hen.3.*

Butlerage.

And of the Wines of the Citizens, no prizes or takings shall bee had or made by any of the Kings Mini-

Ministers of their heirs, or of any other against their will, *that is to wit*, of one run before the malt, and of any other run behind the malt, nor in any other manner, but they shall be thereof acquitted for ever, *br. alb. fol. 40. lib. 1. E. 3.*

Ceritory or writ of Priviledge.

Note, that the King chargeth his *Treasurer*, and the Barons of the Exchequer, and other his Ministers of the same Court, that from henceforth the Kings Writ shall not be granted to remove the body of any imprisoned in the Goal of *Newgate*, or else-where within the liberties, of the City of *London*, for debts or damages in any action adjudged to any Citizen to answer to the King, or other in the said Court of Exchequer, for the Kings debt, or for the debt of any of the Ministers of the said Exchequer, except the said Barons do first find the said Action to be feigned or untrue, *lib. alb. fol. 44. Anno 1. R. 2.*

Chamberlain, Town-clerk, and common Sergeant.

That these three Offices are eligible and removable by the Commons, and at the will of the Commons, *lib. albo fol. 38. b. 12. Hen. 3.*

Colouring of strangers goods.

That Citizen which coloureth strangers goods, shall lose his Freedome, *lib. alb. fol. 37. b. c. 12. Hen. 3.*

Confirmation.

All the aforesaid Liberties are confirmed by Act of Parliament, and by Charter, *lib. alb. fol. 36. Anno. 5. E. 3.*

Corporation of London.

In the 11. year of King *Hen. 3.* he granted unto the Citizens of *London*, the Counties of *London* and *Middlesex* in Fee Farm. Note, that the Grant was made unto the Citizens only, and not to the *Major* and Citizens and Commonalty of *London*, as the usage is at this day; but this maketh no doubt, because the Charter is confirmed by Parliament the 21. of November in the 5. year of the King, *N. 2. lib. alb. 34. a. b. & fol. 45. a.*

Customs paid.

If any sell his ware before the Customs paid, it shall be forfeited, *lib. alb. fol. 36. b. 50. Hen. 3.*

Customs expounded, and new Laws made.

That it shall be lawfull for the Major, and Aldermen with the assent of the Commons to expound obscure Customs, and when need requireth to make new laws, the which shall be consonant to reason, *lib. alb. fol. 39.*

15. E. 3.

Debts.

All manner of Debts lent in London shall be sued for in London, *lib. alb. fol. 35. b. 11. Hen. 3.*

Elections.

That the Major of London, and the Sheriffs shall be chosen and elected in such sort, as they were appointed by the ancient Charter, and in no otherwise,

Escheator.

That no Escheator or other Minister of the King, shall exercise their Offices within the City, but that the Major for the time being, shall be Escheator, and he shall yeeld unto the King his Oath, that he shall duly exercise and make a true account for the same Office, *lib. alb. fol.*

44. 1. E. 1.

Exposition.

If any difficulty or ambiguity do arise upon any Article, within any of the Kings Charters granted unto this City, so that the same Article may be taken to divers meanings: the King granteth that he by the advisement of his Counsell, may make therof such interpretation as shall be best with equity and reason, *lib. alb. 44. a b. 1.*

R. 2.

Fellons goods.

That the Citizens shall have Infangtheff, and Outfangtheff, and the goods of all Fellons that shall be adjudged before them within their liberties there, *lib. alb.*

fol. 39. b. 1. E. 1.

Fee.

Fee Farme.

Where the Counties of *London* and *Middlesex* were let to Farm for 300.l. and yet notwithstanding the office of the Exchequer by incroachment, compelled them to pay 400.l. Now it is granted by *Parliament*, that the City shall pay no more but 300.l. according to their former *Charters*, lib.albo fol. 39.b.1.E.1.

Fee Farm appportioned.

If the King do grant to any other, any thing that belongeth to the Fee Farm, then shall the Fee Farm for so much yearly be appportioned and abated at the Exchequer, fol. 34.lib.albo 11.Hen.3.

Fee Farm of London and Middlesex.

The Fee Farm of *London* and *Middlesex*, that is to say, for 300. l. by the year, is granted to the Citizens of *London*, by 11. Hen. 3. and confirmed by *Parliament* in the 7.R.2.lib.albo fol. 34.a.b.and fol.45.a lib. 4.

Farm bought, and Farm sold.

The Statute of *Anno 9.E.3. cap. 1.* Rastall Tile Merchants, No.2. is for asmuch as concerneth *London* expounded and repealed and the liberties of *Magna Charta*, as touching *London* are revived, and the intent of the Law-makers expounded was not to touch *London*, nor yet infringe the Liberties of the great Charter, lib.alb.41.a. b. the aforesaid statute *Anno 9.E.3.* hath bin very often objected against the City of *London* in *Parliaments*, by such as are ignorant of our *Charters* and Statutes, vide alib, lib.alb.fol.43.a.b. a notable Grant by *Parliament* for the same matter.

Foren bought, and Foren sold.

No stranger shall *Foren* buy, and *Foren* sell within this City any Statute, to the contrary notwithstanding, lib.alb.fol.57.b.and per *Parliament*.

Foren bought, and Foren sold.

Both by Charter and *Parliament* it is granted, that from henceforth no Merchant being a stranger to the liberties

berties of this City, shall buy or sell any Merchandize within the liberties of this City, to any like stranger Merchant, upon the pain of Forfeitures of such Merchandizes so bought or sold, *lib. alb. f. 43. a, b. 1. R. 2.*

Forest of Middlesex disafforested.

King Henry 3. Anno 11. Regni sui, did by his Charter disafforest the Warren of *Stanes*, and the Forrest of *Middlesex*, the which was a singular benefit both to the Country, and also for the City. Note also in the same place, a man may gather some notable points touching the Forest Law, *lib. alb. fol. 35. b, c.*

Forfeiture or seizure of the liberties of the City.

That the liberty of the City shall not be seized in the Kings hands, for any personall trespassse, or judgment personall of any minister of the City, or for any such cause, any Warden called *Custos* shall be by the King Deputed to rule the City; but every minister shall answer for his own fault, and shall according to the quantity and quality of the same fault, receive condigne punishment, *lib. albo fol. 40. b. 1. E. 3.*

Form of Justice.

That the Citisens of *London* in the Eyres before the iustices of the tower shall be measured, guided, and governed by the laws and customes; by the which, they were guided in the Eyres, holden there in the times of King *John* and King *Henry* the 3. *lib. alb. f. 40. b. 1. E. 3.*

Fore-Stallors.

Fore-stallors and Fore-stallments made by the merchants, for or concerning merchandize or victuals, either by land, or by water, shall be punished by forfeiture, or imprisonment, *lib. albo 36. b. 50. H. 3.*

Free-men and m. king Free-men.

No stranger born shall be made free of this City, but in the Court of *Hustings*, *lib. albo fol. 37. b. 12. H. 3.* How free Denizens and Englishmen that never were Apprentices shall be made free, and how every one

ought to put in for himself sufficient sureties, to be true to the conservation of the city, but this Order is not used at this day ; therefore I omit to speak any more of it in this place, and yet is this Form of making Free-men by redemption, appointed by *Parliament, lib. al. fol. 37, b, 12. Henry 3.*

Hunting.

The Citizens of *London* may have their fugations, viz. their Hunting in all such places, as they had the same in the time of King *Henric 1. lib. alb. fol. 35, b, 11. Henric 3.*

Hustings.

That aswell Forreiners as others, being either plaintiffs or defendants, may make their Attorneys in the Hustings in *London, lib. al. f. 36, b. 60. Henric 3.*

The Hustings shall be holden but once in a week, *lib. al. 35, 11. Henric 3.*

Inquisitions.

All Inquisitions to be taken before the Kings Ministers by men of this City, shall bee taken at *S. Martins Le-grand*, and not else-where, except the Inquisitions of the Eires of the Tower and Goal-delivery of *New-gate, lib. al. 41, a. 1. E. 3.*

All Inquisitions of the Customable payments, Customs, Impositions, and Purprestures, within the City shall be inquired of by Citizens, and not by others ; see the words of Record more at large, *lib. al. 45, b, c. 7. R. 2.* See the Statute of *28. E. 3. Cap. 10.*

Jurisdiction of Pleas.

No Citizen shall be impleaded out of the walles of the City of *London* ; but for pleas of the Land, being without the city, alwayes excepted the Monies, and the Kings Ministers, *lib. al. f. 35, a, 11. H. 3.*

Inquisitions of the Goal of New-gate.

That the Major of *London* for the time being shall in every

every Commission for the Coale delivery of New-Gate be named one of the Justices, *lib. al. fol. 39, b. 1. E. 1.*

Justices in London.

The King is restrained by his Charter, confirmed by Parliament, to assign any Justices in London, except the Justices of Eire at the Tower of London, and Justices of Coal delivery of New-Gate, and for errors at S. Martins to be corrected: except any things do chance within the same city, that do touch the King or his Heirs, *lib. al. 37, a. 12. Henry 3.*

Kiddles, viz. wears.

It is granted that all the wears of the Thames, and Medway shall be put down. And he that setteth up any hereafter, shall forfeit x. l. *libro al. folio 35, a.*

That the Citizens shall remove and take away all Keddels stops and wears in the waters of Thames, and Medway: And that they shall have all such punishments in that behalf to the King, *li. al. fol. 39, b. 1. E. 1.*

Liberties and free Customes.

Free Liberties and free Customes used in the time of King Henry 1. are by Charter, and after by Parliament ratified and granted to the city, *lib. al. folio 35, b, c. 11. Hen. the third, and 37. Henry 3.*

Liberties and Pranchises.

The King granteth, and doth allow that the Citizens of London, their heirs and successors, shall have their Liberties, and free Customes, and may use and enjoy the same, as they have done in ancient time. And also that they may record the same before the Kings Justices, and Ministers, as they have bin wont to do any Statutes or Judgments to the contrary notwithstanding, *lib, al, 40, a. b, 1. E. 1.*

Liberties confirmed.

All manner of Liberties granted by King Henry 3.
are confirmed by E. 1. Anno 12. lib. albo fol. 31. a.

Liberties confirmed.

First, wheras in the great Charter of the Liberties of England, amongst other things it was ordained, that the City of London should have all their ancient Liberties and customes, and that the same Citizens at the time of the making of the same Charter, and in the time of Saint Edmond the King and Confessor, and William the Conqueror, and of other the Progenitors of King E. 3. had and used divers liberties and customes, as well by Charters as without Charters of ancient custome. Of which liberties in divers Eyres, and in other Courts of the Kings of the Realm, the same Citizens have bin impeached, and sundry of them fore-judged, King E. 1. by Charter, confirmat Anno Regni sui primo, hath granted that the Citizens shall have their liberties according to the Form of the great Charter, and that all impediments and usurpations to them, in that behalf made, shall be revoked and disannulled, lib. albo fol. 39, a, b. Anno primo E. 1.

Major to be presented.

The Lord Major being chosen must be presented unto the Court of Exchequer, and after to the King himself, lib. albo f. 36. a, 37 Henry 3.

Major.

That the Major of London during his majoralty shall have no more Offices belonging to the City, but only the Office of the majoralty, nor hold any plea vicountcell within the chamber of the city, nor any other, but such as by the ancient custome of the city, he as Major ought to hold plea of, Fleetwood Recorder doth expound these words, Vicountty pleas, to be such pleas as the Sheriffs by the common lawes of this Realm, may hold pleas of in his hundred, the which be actions of debt under 40. l. and of such like causes, lib. alb. fol. 37. b, 12. H. 3.
Marshall

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The marshall shall not within the city, nor the portoken by force, nor otherwise, take up any mans house, *lib.alb.f.35,a.11, Henry 3.*

Markets.

No market from henceforth shall be granted by the King, to be kept within 7. miles of this City, *lib.alb.f.41,a.1.E.3.*

Marshalsee and Clerk of the Household.

The Steward of the *Marshalsee*, and the Clerk of the Market of the Kings House, shall not sit nor execute their Office within the liberties of this City, nor shall draw into plea any Citizen out of the city, for any cause arising, or growing within the liberties of the same city, *lib.albo folio 40,a.1.E.1.*

Marchants strangers free Hosts.

It is commanded by *Charter*, and *Parliament*, that all Merchants strangers comming into *England*, shall make sale of their merchandizes within 40 dayes after their arrivall; and that they shall abide and be at the table of free Hosts, of this city of *London*, and of all other Cities and Towns of *England*, without keeping houses of societies by themselves, *lib.albo fol.39,b,c.1.E.1.*

Mortmain.

That the City and their heirs, and successors may devise their lands as well in *Mortmain*, as otherwise, as of ancient time they were accustomed, *lib.albo folio 30,b.1.E.1.*

Non-user.

Although before this time, any of the ancient liberties have not bin put in ure; yet from henceforth it shall be lawfull to put them in execution, *lib.albo fol.39,a.15.E.3.*

Officers of the City.

All lands or tenements without the Freedom of the city, wherof any Citizen is, or shall be owner, now or here

hereafter, which are, or shall be Ministers of the city, shall be obliged to the conversation or saving harmlesse, the same city against the King and his Heirs, for matters concerning their offices in like manner, as their tenements within the same city were wont to be, *lib. al. folio 40, b. c. 1. E. 1.*

Note by this Article, that all the Ministers of this city, ought to be Freemen.

Oasts.

No stranger shall be an Oast, or keep Oasterie for strangers, *lib. al. fol. 57, a, b per Charter, 38. E. 3. and per Parliament.*

Oasts and free Oasts.

That all that keep common Oastery in the city, or the Suburbs, although they be not free, yet shall they be at all manner of charges for the maintenance of the city, as ample, as any other that be free Oasts, *lib. al. folio 38, a. b. 12. Henry 3.*

Oath.

The Major of *London* shall not be compelled to take any other Oath at the Exchequer, then hath bin used in the time of King *Edward* the third, any Law, Statute, or Ordinance notwithstanding, *lib. al. folio 44. b. c. 7. R. 2.*

Parliament.

All the aforesaid *Articles, Charters, Grants, and Ordinances*, are to this place confirmed by *Act of Parliament*, in manner and form as they be before expressed, *Anno 7. R. 2.*

Pleas in Fairs and Markets.

Because the Citizens of *London* in all good and great Fairs of England were wont to have Wardens of themselves to hold pleas, concerning such Citizens as shall have conference to the said Fairs: It is granted by *Charter*, that the same Citizens shall have their Wardens of

of their Citizens, for the holding of such pleas as of ancient times they have had, excepting pleas of the Land, and of the Crown, lib. al. 40. 1. E. 1.

Precepts to the Citizens.

By Parliament that is allowed to the Citizens of London, not to be subject to the precepts or commandments of the Constable of England, Steward, Marshall, Admirall, Clerk of the Market, or of any other Officer or Minister of the King, but only to the Kings commandments or precepts, which shall be made in the Kings name still, and under the Kings Seals, and Liberty, is allowed by Act of Parliament, soit use Come ad estre devant tempes, lib. albo f. 43. b. 1. R. 2.

Presenting of the Sheriffes.

Such Sheriffes as the Citizens shall make choise of, shall be presented to the Kings Justices. And the said Sheriffe shall answer to the King, or to his Justices, or his Exchequer, of such things as to his Sheriffedome do appertain, lib. al. fol. 34. a, b. 11 Henry 3.

Processe and serving of Processe.

That no Sommons, Attachment, or Execution, by any of the Kings Ministers, by writ or without writ, within the Libertie of the city aforesaid, shall be made but by the only Ministers of the city, lib. albo. 40, b. 1. E. 1.

Protections.

The King granteth that all the Protections of him and his Heires, given to and for the service of the King, either to go forth, or to abide in any places of the Kings service from henceforth, shall.

shall take no place in any plea of debt for any victuals taken or bought for the voyage or service ; wherof any mention is made in any such protection , nor any such protection shall be allowed for any pleas of trespasses, or contracts, made or done after the date of such protection, in such case as the plaintiffe is, or shall be a Freeman of this city, *lib. albo f. 44. Anno primo R. 2.*

Purveyors.

That no *Purveyor-taker*, Officers, or other Ministers, shall make, or take any prise or takings in the City of *London*, or without, of the goods of any Citizen of the same city, against their wills ; except immediatly their indelayed paym^t be made, or else that respect of payment be therfore taken with the good will of the party, *lib. albo 40 b. 1. E. 3.*

Purveyors or Officers of the King.

It is prohibited that no Officer or Purveyor of the King shall merchandize by himself, or by other within the said city or without, of any thing touching, or concerning his office, *lib. albo fol. 40. b. 1. E. 3.* Remember how the Purveyors of poultry do keep shops in *London*, and nothing is said against them.

Restitution.

There is a free restitution granted, as well by *Charter* as by *Parliament* unto the Citizens of *London*, of all and singular their Liberties and Franchises , as ever any of their predecessors enjoyed the same, any *Non-user*, or *Abuser*, or *Statute-judgment*, or *Charter* to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the same Citizens may enjoy the same without impeachment of the King his Justices or Ministers whatsoever, *lib. albo 40. 7. R. 2.*

Right.

That equall might be done both for lands, and Leases, that be within the City, *viz. infraurbem*, according to the ancient custome of the city, *lib. albo 35, 1 Henry 3.*

Rights

Right owner.

Every Rightfull owner of Lands , Leases , Gages , pledges, and debts, shall enjoy the same lawfully, *lib. albo 35, a. 11. H. 3.*

Sanctuaries.

That the Citisens shall not be otherwise charged, then they have bin accustomed, touching the scapes of such as have taken Sanctuary in the Church, or Church-yards, *lib. alb. f. 39. b.*

St. Pauls.

There is 8. l. parcell of the Fee-Farme abated to the City, for the liberty of St. Pauls in London, *lib. albo f. 36. a 37, H. 3.*

Scot and Lot.

That Freemen within the City, as such as dwell without the City, and occupie Merchandize within the city, shall be subject to Scot and Lot with the Commons of the same city, for and touching, &c, *lib. alb. fol. 38, a. 11. Henrie the third.*

Seals of the King.

There doth appear 11. Hen. 3. that in a Charter made for the putting down of Kiddles or ware s. that the King did set his hand to the Charter, and also his Seal, the which I did never hear nor reade of in any book before this time, the words are these. *Quod ut firmum & stabile perseveret imperpuum putis pagine inscriptio. Commun. &c. lib. albo fol. 35, a. 11. H. 3.*

Seal of the City.

The common Seal of this City shall remain in the custody of two Aldermen, and two Commoners, and the same Seal shall not be denyed neither to the poor nor to the rich Commoner, when need shall require; provided, that such request shall be upon reasonable causes, and that nothing shall be taken for the setting of the same Seal thereto, *lib. alb. f. 38, a. 12. H. 3.*

Sergeants at the Chamber.

That no Sergeant of the chamber of Guild-hall, shall have any fee of the Commonalty of the city, nor shall make any execution but only by the Commons of the city for that purpose to be chosen, *lib. alb. fol. b. 12. H. 7.*

Sergeants at the Mace.

For the augmentation of the name and honor of the city, it is granted that our Sergeants shall and may bear, and carry maces of gold, of silver, or gilded of silver, with the Kings Arms upon the same, within the city and *Middlesex*, and all other places belonging to the same city; and also when they be sent to the King his mother or children, *lib. alb. fol. 42. a. 28. E. 3.*

Sheriffes.

The Sheriffes of *London* shall not be distreined to make an Oath at the Exchequer, but only upon the yeelding up their accompt, *lib. alb. fol. 40. a. 1. E. 1.*

That none of the Sheriffes shall have but 7. Clerks, and two Sergeants, by reason of his Office.

Sheriffes and their Elections.

It is granted to the Citizens of *London* to make Elections of their Sheriffes, and after to remove them at their pleasures, *Anno 11. Hen. 3. lib. al. fol. 34. a. b.*

Sherffs.

That the Sheriffe of *London* shall be amerced in the Kings Court, according to the quantity of their offence, like as all other Sheriffs of *England* have bin, *lib. alb. fol. 31. a, lib. 1. 12. Edw. 3.*

Sheriffe.

That the Sheriffe for the time being shall commit the

the collection of tolls and customes belonging to the Fee Farm, and all publique offices to them belonging, and by them to be exercised unto sufficient persons, for whom they will answer, and that such Officers as they shall appoint shall be removed upon their misbehavior, *lib. alb. fol. 38. Anno 12. Hen. 3.*

Sheriffes.

That the Sheriffes of this city for the time being shall have towards the Farm of the same city, the full forfeiture of victuals, and other things. And also of Merchandizes after the tenor of the Charters to the Citizens granted and made. And that from henceforth the Sheriffes shall not be hindred or molested for the same against the tenor of the same Charters, *lib. alb. fol. 40. b. 1. E. 1.*

Southwarke.

The town of Southwarke is granted for a Fee Farm unto the city, to the intent, to conserve the peace of the same town, and to suppress Fellons in that place. And this is by Act of Parliament and Charter, *lib. alb. 4. a. 1. E. 3.*

Subsidies, Tallages, or Aids.

That those that be assessed according to the custome of the city by men of their wards appointed to bee Sessors by the Major and Aldermen, or by others to pay any tallage or Aid to the King, shall not be set higher, but by the Major and Commons, *lib. alb. fol. 37. b. 12. Hen. 3.*

Successors in London.

The habend of the Fee Farm of London and Middlesex is to the Citisens and their heirs. And yet it is taken, that these words heirs, do signifie their successours, *lib. alb. fol. 34. a. b. 11. Hen. 3.*

Sureties for the Sheriffes.

The whole Citizens of *London* must answer to the King, and satisfie both the Fee Farm, and also all the a-merciaments, if the Sheriffs do make default, *lib. al. f. 34. a, b. 11. Henry 3.*

Suites against Citizens.

None of the liberty of this city shall be impleaded or occasioned at the Kings Exchequer, nor else-where by Bill, except it be for matter, which belongs to the King or his Heirs. *fol. 41. Anno 1. E. 3.*

At this day all our Citifens do implead one another out of the city, the which is directly against our liberties, being confirmed by *Parliament.*

Taxes and Tallages.

That taxes and tallages for the necessity of the City by common consent or Common-counsell, may be assessed and levied aswell upon Rents, as other things, and aswell upon miferies, as by any other means, *lib. alb. folio 38. b. 12. H. 3.*

Toll.

The Citizens of *London* are discharged of Toll and Lassage, and of all other customes as well by Land, as by Seas, within the Kings Dominions, *lib. alb. fol. 35. a, 37. Hen. 3.*

Tower of London.

That the Constable of the Tower for the time being shall not either by land or water take or make any prizes of any victuals, or other things whatsoever, of the people of the same city; nor of any others coming or going towards or from the said city, nor by any manner of means, shall arrest or cause to be arrested any ships, vessels, or boats bringing to the said city any victuals or any other such goods, *lib. alb. fol. 40. a, 1. E. 1.*

The Constable of the Tower of *London* shall not take any thing for the suffering of wares in the Thames or Medway, *lib. albo fol. 35. 11. H. 3.*

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The Constable of the Tower of *London*, in the default of the Barons of the Exchequer, being absent from *Westminster*, and also of the King at such time as the Major ought to be polluted, must take the Oaths of the Major and of the Sheriffs without the Tower Gates, *lib. albo fol. 36, b. Anno 12. H. 3.*

Warres.

That the Citizens from henceforth shall not be compelled to go or send to the warres out of the city, *lib. alb. f. 40, a. 1. E. 1.*

Weights and Measures.

That the weights and ballances amongst Merchants, by the which any profit doth grow, and the correction of the same doth belong to the commonalty of this city. And that they shall be in the custody of approved and sufficient men, expert in the same office, being chosen by the Commons.

Witherman.

— If any roll or other custome be taken from any Citizen of the Kings Dominions, the Sheriffs of *London* shall at *London* take pledge or Witherman, *lib. alb. f. 35, b. 11. Henry the third.*

Wines sold by retaile.

That no Merchant that is not free of this City shall sell any Wines by retail within the same city, *lib. alb. fol. 38, a, 12. Henry the third.*

Wines and Victuals.

By Charter and by Parliament, is granted that the Lord Major and Aldermen for the time being, shall have the Rule and Government of the Vintners, viz. of all manner of wines which shall be sold within the same city, and of all manner of Victuals, as well sellers of fish, as of all other, dwelling within the same city, and to the same bringing any Victuals there to be sold, *lib. alb fol. 44, b. 7. R. 2.*

Note, how that the Vintners of this city did exhibit

a Bill to the Counsell at *Greenwich*, *Termino pasche*. *An.*
18, Eliz. Regni, affirming, that they were not under the
 Government of the Major and Aldermen; the which I
 learn to be drawn by one *Land*, an Attorney of the Guild-
 Hall.



Hereafter do ensue divers ample and
 most beneficiall Charters, granted by King
Hen. 6. E. 4. and King *Hen. 7.* but these Char-
 ters are not confirmed by *Parliament*, as
 the other Charters were. Note, that
 the Charter of *Hen. 6* and *E.*
4. are all one, with little
 alteration.

Beer-brewers.

THe correction of the Beer-brewers, and of the mea-
 surages likewise is granted to the City, *lib. albo f. 50*
b. c. 23. Hen 6. Note, at this time there was Beer-brewers
 in *England*.

Certioraries for Recognisances.

It is granted, that when a Certiorary is sent for any
 Indictment of Felony, trespassse, extortion, or any other
 offence, or for any Recognisance for the peace broken,
 that we shall not send the Record it self, but only the re-
 tors of the same, and that shall suffice, *lib. albo, 49. b. 23,*
Henry 6.

Commission of the Peace,

The Commission of the Peace is at large set down,
 with all the Articles that are to be inquired, *lib. albo. 47.*
23. H. 6.

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Confirmation.

King Henry 7, Anno 20. did grant unto the City of London most large and ample ratification of all and singular their Liberties, Franchises, and Customes, and all such like things expressed in any of their Charters whatsoever they were, *lib. albo 58. a.*

Confirmation.

King H 5. by Act of Parliament, and a special Charter, dated the 7. ber. Anno 7. hath also confirmed the Liberties aforesaid, *lib. a'bo folio 47. a.*

Confirmation all and singular.

All and singular the aforesaid Liberties are most amply confirmed by a great Charter, made by King H. 4. in the first year of his Reign; but they are not by him confirmed by Parliament, but by Charter. And this is the Charter that the Commons of this City do use to call the great Charter of London, *lib. alb. fol. 46, a, b. 1. primo H. 4.*

Elections of Officers.

That the Citisens shall have the choice of all under-Sheriffes, Clerks, Bayliffes of Sheriffes, for whom they will answer for aswell in the County of *Middlesex*, as within the City of *London*: In which grant, there is a saving or proviso for the Sheriffes of *London*, for the right, &c. *lib. alb. 49, b, c. 23. H. 6.*

Exemption for the Aldermen.

It is granted, that the Aldermen of this City shall not be put in Assizes, Juries, Attaints, Recognitions, or Inquisitions, although the King himself be party; nor they shall be without the Liberties of the City, Collectors, or Assessors of tenths and fifteens, *lib. alb. f. 54, a. b.*

Fines and amerciaments.

All Fines, Amerciaments, Issues forfeited, Redemptions, Forfeitures, Penalties of all Offences
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inquirable by the *Commissions* of the peace, are granted to the Citizens of *London*. *lib. alb. f. 49, a. 23. H. 6.* And in the same place the premises are also granted, if they bee forfeited before the Justices in the pleas of the crown, or before any other Justices, or Minister whatsoever, *ibid.*

Foren bought, and Foren sold.

That the forfeiture of Foren bought, and Foren sold, shall belong to the Major and Commons of this City, without any accompt to be therfore yeelded, *lib. alb. fol. 59, b, c.* this Article is most largely and beneficially set forth in the Book.

Gates and Posterns.

All the Gates and Posterns of this City, and the custody of the same are granted unto the city, *lib. alb. f. 46. fol. 8. 1. H. 4.*

Ganger.

The office of the Ganger-ship is granted to the city of *London*, with all the Fees, profits, and enrolements to the same belonging, *lib. alb. f. 60. b. 20. H. 7.*

Iustices of Peace.

That the Major for the time being may nominate to the Chancellor of *England*, the names of two Aldermen, the one to be a Justice of Peace in *Surrey*, and the other in *Middlesex*, *lib. al. fol. 60, b. 20. H. 7.*

Iustices of the Peace.

That the Major and the Recorder, and all the Aldermen that have bin Majors shall be Justices of peace in *London*, And that the Major and the Recorder shall bee two of the *quorum*, *lib. al. 47, b, c. Henry 6.*

Mortmain.

The King granteth license to the Commonalty to purchase lands and tenements, to the value of 200. marks by

by the year, the statute of *Mortmain*, or any other thing to the contrary notwithstanding, *lib. albo fol. 55, a, b, c. 18.*

E. 4.

Non-user and abuser.

Non-user and abuser of the liberties are by the King pardoned, *lib. alb. 50. Anno 25. H. 6.*

Notunda.

All the aforesaid matters expressed in the aforesaid Charter, 23. H. 6. *lib. alb. 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52,* are by like Charter granted again by 2. E. 4. *lib. albo fol. 52, 53, 54, 55.*

Packer.

The Offices and guist of the same, *viz.* of the Packer and Surveyor, ships of all measures, weights, and of merchandizes, and of the Garblers office, and Wine-drawers, and the collection of all manner of victuals, and all such like Offices do belong to the Lord Major and his disposing, *lib. alb. folio 50, a. b. 23. H. 6.*

Recorder.

That the Recorder shall or may *ore-tenus*, that is to say, by open speech, record and certifie the customs, being traversed. And his Certificate shall be as strong in the Law as the verdict of 22 men, *lib. albo fol. 49, a. 23. H. 6.*

Recognizances.

The forfeiture of Recognizances for the breach of peace or good abearing, is also granted to the City, *lib. alb. f. 49. 23. H. 6.*

Seisure of the Liberties.

I find that King R. 2. Anno 16. Regni sui, did by verue of a statute, 28. E. 3. cap. 10, the which statute in King R. days, was by a bye-word, *Flagellum Comit. London,* that is, the whip and scourge of the City of London, the statute shall be hereafter set down at large.

I say by this statute the King very easily found a quarrell against the City, and did by Commission ceize the liberties of the said City. The fault was for that the Ma-

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Major and Aldermen of the City did not correct nor punish, and this was all. But after in *Anno* 16. and 20. the same King restored the liberties again to the said City, *lib. albo f. 45, a, b, c.*

Search.

The generall search of survey government, correction and permission of all people, within this City aswel, Denizens and strangers in their sellings, cuttings, workings, measurings, weighings, and in all and singular their other doings, done not only by custome, but also by Charter, belong to the Major of *London* for the time being, *lib. al. fol. 58, a, b, c, d. 20. H. 7.*

This matter especially is most excellently well set down in the said Book. And King *H. 7.* hath granted for him his Heirs and Successors that neither the Kings of this Realm, nor any other person shall interrupt the Major of *London* in the due execution and exercising of the premises: if this *Charter* were well looked unto, then enquire of what force all and singular these Charters are of, to whom the King hath granted to be Searcher, not only over their own companies, but also over others. As the Girdlers do attempt to search the Habberdashers, and Clothworkers, the Blacksmiths do attempt to search the Iron-mongers, and such like others.

Southwarke.

A large *Charter* is granted for the liberties of *Southwark*, and for correction of offences there, and a view of Franck-pledge with Arrests, and to bring the Offenders to New-gate. And to have as ample Liberties in *Southwark*, as the King had, *lib. albo fol. 41, b, c, d, e, 33 H. 6.*

Toll.

The Offices of the gathering of the *Toll*, and of the custome in *Cheap*, *Billings-gate*, and *Smithfield*, is granted to the city, *lib. alb. 46, b. 1. H. 4.*

Treasure trove.

Treasure-trove, wair and Fellons, goods, and for stallers

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lers of victuals, and Regrators, both in *London* and upon the *Thames*, are granted to the City, *lib. alb. f. 49. a, 23. H. 6.*

Tronage.

Tronage, that is to say, the weighing of Lead, waxe, pepper, aliom, madder, and of such like merchandize, are granted to the City, *lib. albo f. 46, b.*

Waste-grounds.

All the waste ground, or common grounds pur-pur-
stures, and approvemens, and the Rents reserved of the
same are granted to the City, aswell in the Land, as in the
Thames, *lib. alb. fol. 49. 23. H. 6.*

Wools, Leaden-hall.

The tronage or weighing of wools shall be at Leaden
Hall, which was wont to be at Westminster, *lib. alb. fol.*
55. 3. E. 4.

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